



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INFORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 10, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
1740 West Adams Street, Suite 410
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A standing committee meeting of the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) was convened on August 10, 2012 at the ADDPC, 1740 West Adams Suite 410 Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the ADDPC.

Members Present	
Ed Myers, Chair, Teleconference	Rosemarie Strout, Teleconference
John Eckhardt, Teleconference	Joyce Millard Hoie, Teleconference

Staff Present	Members Absent
Larry Clausen, Executive Director	Marv Lamer
Marcella Crane, Contracts Manager	
Lani St. Cyr, Fiscal Manager	
Michael Leyva, Contracts/Grants Coordinator	

A. Call to Order:

Ed Myers welcomed everyone to the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC) Empowerment through Information standing committee meeting and introductions were made. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

B. Minutes Approval

The Minutes from the June 6, 2012 committee meeting were reviewed with no changes.

- Motion to accept the Minutes made by Joyce Millard Hoie.
- Motion seconded by John Eckhardt.
- Motion carried.

C. A Day for Special Smiles Project

Larry Clausen gave an overview of the project and emphasized how it aligns with the recommendations made in the 2011 Adult Oral Health Care Study. "A Day for Special Smiles" will be held in November 2012 and will increase the state's access and capacity to provide dental services to persons with developmental disabilities by developing a network of dentists trained in special needs care. This project includes: a 16-hour clinical program

to train 10 dentists on how to support persons with special needs, developing and distributing 250 printed guidebooks listing dental professionals available to provide specialized dentistry to persons with developmental disabilities, and exposing new dentists to special needs dentistry and oral health care to encourage future involvement.

- A Motion was made by Joyce Millard Hoie to approve funding for A Day for Special Smiles in the amount of \$21,172.
- The Motion was seconded by Rosemarie Strout.
- The Motion carried.

D. Project Vote

Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director of the Arizona Center for Disability Law, gave an overview of Project Vote which is a renewal project that will develop voter empowerment and leadership skills for self-advocates through the direct engagement of candidates for state legislative office. Ms. Radecic explained that the project will focus on 3 Arizona legislative districts: Lake Havasu, Safford, and Kykotsmobi. Project activities involve training self-advocates, students, group home providers, and disability organizations on how to develop statements and questions to present to legislative candidates. Following these trainings, three Arizona state legislative candidate forums will be scheduled in each community/legislative district to facilitate presentation of skills and abilities learned by self-advocates and others. Following the events, participants will be surveyed to measure the effectiveness of the trainings at meeting the outcomes of active engagement of Arizona legislative candidates.

- A Motion was made by Joyce Millard Hoie to approve funding for Project Vote in the amount of \$45,801.
- The Motion was seconded by Rosemarie Strout.
- Ed Myers recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.
- The Motion carried.

E. Reducing Seclusion and Restraints through PBIS Project

Larry Clausen discussed the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) study, the Council funded, that determined the degree of implementation across selected LEA/Charter schools in Arizona and how the Reducing Seclusion and Restraints through PBIS project tied to the recommendations of that study. Larry mentioned that PBIS is a nationally recognized and evidence based approach recommended as an effective practice to all Local Education Agencies (LEA) and charter schools in Arizona and is sponsored as a best practice by John Huppenthal, the current Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction. This project reflects the desire to expand PBIS implementation in the state using a structured approach. The first year of the project will develop an advisory council that will design the training and instruction to be provided in the second year of the project, which will include: assessment of needs, development of curriculum, completion of an

action plan, outreach to specified LEA's, and identifying 4 school districts/charter schools that will participate in training. The outcomes for the project are to establish a sustainable program that will exist after ADDPC funding is completed, while successfully assisting LEA's to adopt PBIS as a recognized school cultural change process to managing student behavior. The final outcome for this project will be the elimination of restraint and seclusion used in LEA's that participate in training while spreading the use of PBIS as an effective approach to all LEA's and charter schools in Arizona.

- A Motion was made by Joyce Millard Hoie to approve \$123,686 to fund the Reducing Seclusion and Restraints through PBIS project for year one.
- The Motion was seconded by John Eckhardt.
- Ed Myers recused himself due to a conflict of interest.
- The Motion carried.

F. Sponsorship RFGA Project

Marcy Crane provided information on the 6 Sponsorship Grants that were recommended for funding by the outside Evaluation Committee. (The Executive Committee in their May 3, 2012 meeting authorized the expenditure of up to \$100,000 for this project and directed the Empowerment through Information Standing Committee to approve final selection of recommended grantees without returning to the Executive Committee for authorization). Sponsorship grants are intended to fund workshops, conferences, seminars and other types of events that focus on one or more of the three goals established in the current ADDPC State Plan. The Request for Grant Application (RFGA) process was used to elicit grant applications, with review of submitted applications completed by an independent Evaluation Committee, conforming to State Procurement rules. There were two separate votes, one for the Arizona Center for Disability Law and a second combining all other conference proposals.

- **Arizona Center for Disability Law:** *Second Annual African-American Conference on Disabilities. This conference will provide outreach across the state to African- American individuals with developmental disabilities. The conference will feature 2 workshops for both college and high school students with DD. It is proposed for one day in March 2013.*
 - A Motion was made by Joyce Millard Hoie to approve \$10,000 to fund the Second Annual African-American Conference on Disabilities.
 - The Motion was seconded by John Eckhardt.
 - Ed Myers recused himself due to a conflict of interest.
 - The Motion carried

- **Dads 4 Special Kids:** *Emergency Preparedness education for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. 15 mini workshops in Maricopa County that will guide, instruct, and encourage individuals with DD how to develop their own emergency and disaster preparedness plan.*
- **Native American Disability Law Center:** *Steps to Success Special Education Conference to be held in the Spring of 2013 in Tuba City, AZ. The conference will educate Native American students with DD, their parents and educators on their rights and responsibilities in the area of special education. Parents will learn how to advocate on behalf of their child, so that vital special education supports can be obtained.*
- **Southwest Arizona Area Health Education Center:** *Third Annual Border Conference on Disabilities to be held in March 2013. It will provide individuals with DD, their families and service providers living along the Arizona-Sonoran Boarder with the information and training they need to increase their community participation and enhance their quality of life. The focus will be on behavioral support, assistive technology, access to community resources and services and a panel of local individuals with disabilities and their families discussing the challenges and strengths of their communities along the border.*
- **Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center:** *Bully Conference. A two-day conference, in Maricopa County to be held in March 2013, that will address bullying, harassment, intimidation and victimization across the lifespan and in various contexts (at school, community, workplace, online, etc.). Day one will be geared towards school age children and the second day will focus on teens and adults.*
- **Southwest Institute for Families and Children:** *Self-Advocacy Conference. This conference is for persons with DD between the ages of 18-30 and their families and caregivers. The conference will be interactive and will focus on the rights and responsibilities as well as advocacy skills in the areas of healthcare and employment and is anticipated to be for one day in May 2013 in the Phoenix area.*
 - A Motion was made by John Eckhardt to approve funding of \$10,000 for each of the 5 remaining conference proposals.
 - The Motion was seconded by Rosemarie Strout.
 - The Motion carried.

G. Call to the Public

No public members were in attendance.

H. Adjourn

- A Motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Millard Hoie.
- The Motion was seconded by Ed Myers.
- The Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.